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Abstract of the Disclosure

A cable shortener apparatus for permitting the length adjustment of a cable having a certain diameter. The cable is arranged for supporting a sign carrier from an overhead support. The cable shortener apparatus may be comprised of a pair of rigid annular rings lockably engagable with one another. Each ring may have an inner arcuate hub flange which defines a hub surface for receiving at least one wrap of a support cable. An annular edge on each of the rings is spaced apart from one another when the rings are mated together. The spaced apart annular edges defining a gap no wider than the diameter of the cable being wrapped about the hub of the shortener.